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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 D.S.,	CASE NO.
12 Plaintiff,	<b>COMPLAINT</b>
13 v.	<b><u>DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL</u></b>
14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS); RAY J. GARCIA; JOHN BELLHOUSE; JEFFREY WILSON; and DOES 1-25, inclusive,	
18 Defendants.	

19 **INTRODUCTION**

20 1. Beginning in approximately 2020, John Bellhouse (“BELLHOUSE”),  
21 a correctional officer at Federal Correctional Institution – Dublin (“FCI Dublin”)  
22 owned and operated by Defendant the United States of America (Federal Bureau of  
23 Prisons) (“United States”), subjected Plaintiff D.S., a minimum-security inmate, to  
24 sexual abuse in violation of federal and state law.

25 2. Beginning in approximately 2022, Defendant Jeffrey Wilson  
26 (“WILSON”), a medical staff member at FCI Dublin, owned and operated by the  
27 United States, repeatedly subjected Plaintiff D.S., a minimum-security inmate, to  
28 sexual abuse in violation of federal and state law.

1       3.     Congress enacted the Prison Rape Elimination Act in 2003, 34 U.S.C.  
 2     § 30301, *et seq.* (“PREA”) to establish national standards for preventing precisely  
 3     this kind of sexual abuse from happening to federal inmates. Under PREA, the U.S.  
 4     Department of Justice promulgated detailed regulations that provide precise  
 5     procedures that prisons must follow. The Federal Bureau of Prisons (“BOP”)  
 6     adopted PREA policies in response to these regulations.

7       4.     Defendants BELLHOUSE and WILSON, employees at FCI Dublin,  
 8     repeatedly subjected Plaintiff to sexual abuse. In doing so, Defendant violated  
 9     Plaintiff’s Constitutional rights and California law on gender violence, sexual  
 10    assault, and common law on battery.

11      5.     Defendant RAY J. GARCIA (“GARCIA”) was the associate warden at  
 12    FCI Dublin between December 2018 and November 2020, and the warden of FCI  
 13    Dublin from November 2020 to July 2021 – the entire period that Plaintiff was  
 14    being abused by Defendant BELLHOUSE and the majority of the time that Plaintiff  
 15    was being abused by WILSON. As the warden, GARCIA was responsible for  
 16    safekeeping, care, protection, discipline, programming, and release of inmates  
 17    incarcerated at FCI Dublin. GARCIA was also responsible for hiring, training, and  
 18    supervising/managing staff, and determining operating procedures and policies.

19      6.     Defendant GARCIA was also arrested and charged with sexual abuse  
 20    of a ward based on his sexual abuse of multiple female inmates at FCI Dublin. He  
 21    was found guilty of three counts of having sexual contact with an incarcerated  
 22    person, four counts of abusive sexual contact, and one count of lying to the FBI.  
 23    Defendant GARCIA was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months in prison.

24      7.     Defendant GARCIA led training on the Prison Rape and Elimination  
 25    Act and chaired the audit of FCI Dublin under the PREA. Thus, the man  
 26    responsible for reporting incidents to the government and teaching inmates how to  
 27    report rape was in fact a serial rapist of inmates.

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1       8.    Defendant GARCIA knew or should have known that the other  
 2 correctional officers under his supervision were sexually assaulting inmates.

3       9.    Defendant GARCIA knew or should have known that inmates  
 4 complained about the assaults and were subjected to retaliation. PREA guidelines  
 5 and FCI Dublin policies and procedures required all inmate complaints of sexual  
 6 assault and sexual abuse filed or reported internally be reported to Defendant  
 7 GARCIA. During GARCIA's tenure, complaints of sexual assaults of inmates by  
 8 correctional officers and/or staff were reported.

9       10.   Defendant GARCIA failed to protect the inmates and turned a blind  
 10 eye. Such behavior set the tone for rape culture at FCI Dublin, garnering Garcia and  
 11 his subordinate correctional officers and employees the nickname – “the Rape  
 12 Club.”

13       11.   As a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff suffered numerous  
 14 emotional injuries and incurred severe personal injuries, which continue to affect  
 15 her today.

16       12.   Plaintiff brings this civil action and asserts claims: (1) against  
 17 BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA, and DOES 1-25, inclusive, under the Eighth  
 18 Amendment's Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause (Excessive Force) and  
 19 California's gender violence and sexual assault statutes (Civil Code §§ 52.4 and  
 20 1708.5); (2) against BELLHOUSE and WILSON under California's battery statute;  
 21 (3) against GARCIA and Does 1-25, inclusive, under the Eighth Amendment's  
 22 Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause (Deliberate Indifference); (4) against the  
 23 United States under the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause (Procedural Due  
 24 Process); and (5) against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28  
 25 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 1671-2680) (“FTCA”) for various tort claims against all  
 26 Defendants arising under California common law committed within the course and  
 27 scope of their federal office or employment.

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1       13. For these violations, Plaintiff seeks nominal, compensatory, and  
2 punitive damages, attorneys' fees and costs, and any other relief that the Court  
3 deems appropriate.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5 14. Plaintiff's claims arise under the United States Constitution, California  
6 statutory law, California common law, and the FTCA. The Court has diversity  
7 jurisdiction over Plaintiff's entire action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because Plaintiff  
8 and Defendants are diverse in citizenship and more than \$75,000 is in controversy.  
9 The Court also has federal question jurisdiction over Plaintiff's Constitutional  
10 claims and FTCA claims (which have been administratively exhausted) under 28  
11 U.S.C. § 1331. And the Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's  
12 California statutory and common-law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1337 because these  
13 state-law claims arise from a common nucleus of operative fact with Plaintiff's  
14 federal question claims.

15       15. The Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendants. The Court  
16 has general jurisdiction over Defendants because, on information and belief, each  
17 Defendant is a citizen of, and domiciled in, California. The Court has specific  
18 jurisdiction over Defendants because they committed the actions and omissions  
19 forming the basis for each claim against them in California.

20       16.   Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b)(2) and  
21 28 U.S.C. § 1402(b). As noted above, Defendants' actions and omissions that give  
22 rise to Plaintiff's claims all occurred in this District, at FCI Dublin, located at 5701  
23 8th St., Dublin, California 94568.

## INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT

25       17. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-29(d), Plaintiff's action is properly  
26 assigned to the San Francisco Division of this District because the action arises  
27 from actions and omissions taken in Alameda County, California, where FCI  
28 Dublin is located.

## PARTIES

2       18. Plaintiff is an individual and citizen of Marin County, California.  
3 During the relevant period, Plaintiff was incarcerated at FCI Dublin in Dublin,  
4 California.

5       19. Upon information and belief, Defendant BELLHOUSE is an  
6 individual and citizen of California, where he is domiciled. During the relevant  
7 period, BELLHOUSE worked as a correctional officer at FCI Dublin in the Bureau  
8 of Prison's (BOP's) employment. While performing the acts and omissions that  
9 Plaintiff alleges in this complaint, BELLHOUSE was acting within the scope of his  
10 official employment, or with the BOP's permission and consent.

11       20. Upon information and belief, Defendant WILSON is an individual and  
12 citizen of California, where he is domiciled. During the relevant period, WILSON  
13 worked as medical staff member at FCI Dublin in the Bureau of Prison's (BOP's)  
14 employment. While performing the acts and omissions that Plaintiff alleges in this  
15 complaint, WILSON was acting within the scope of his official employment, or  
16 with the BOP's permission and consent.

17       21. Upon information and belief, Defendant GARCIA is an individual and  
18 citizen of California, where he is domiciled. During the relevant period, GARCIA  
19 worked as the warden at FCI Dublin in the BOP's employment. While performing  
20 the acts and omissions that Plaintiff alleges in this complaint, GARCIA was acting  
21 within the scope of his official employment, or with the BOP's permission and  
22 consent.

23       22. Defendant United States is a governmental entity. During the relevant  
24 period, the United States, through the BOP, a federal agency, was in possession and  
25 control of FCI Dublin, a minimum-security federal prison located in Dublin,  
26 California. The United States has waived sovereign immunity as to Plaintiff's tort  
27 claims against Defendants, pursuant to FTCA, 28 U.S.C. § 2674.

1       23. Plaintiff is ignorant as to the true names, identities, and capacities of  
2 Defendants DOES 2 through 25, inclusive. Therefore, Plaintiff sues these  
3 Defendants under the fictitious designation of DOES 2 through 25. Plaintiff will  
4 amend this Complaint once their identities have been ascertained as well as facts  
5 giving rise to their liability.

6        24. Defendants Does 1-25, individually and in their official capacities, at  
7 all times relevant herein, were correctional officers and/or employees for the BOP,  
8 acting in their official capacity. These defendants include BOP employees in  
9 supervisory positions that participated in training BELLHOUSE, WILSON, and  
10 other employees, in the supervision of BELLHOUSE, WILSON, and other  
11 employees, and in reporting incidents of sexual abuse to the BOP.

## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

15        25. PREA regulations require the BOP to have a strict “written policy  
16 mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment  
17 and outlining the [BOP’s] approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to  
18 such conduct,” which the BOP has adopted.<sup>1</sup>

19       26. PREA regulations also comprehensively mandate that the BOP and its  
20 correctional staff follow certain policies and procedures when an inmate has  
21 allegedly suffered sexual abuse.

22        27. First and foremost, the BOP “shall require all staff to report  
23 immediately” “any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of  
24 sexual abuse” and “staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have  
25 contributed to an incident or retaliation.”<sup>2</sup> “Apart from reporting to designated  
26 supervisors or officials, staff shall not reveal any information related to a sexual

<sup>1</sup> See BOP Program Statement No. 5324.11, at 15 (Jan. 6, 2014); 28 C.F.R. § 115.11(b), (c).

<sup>2</sup> 28 C.F.R. § 115.61(a).

1 abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency  
 2 policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management  
 3 decisions.”<sup>3</sup>

4       28. Regardless of whether a report of sexual abuse is made, if an inmate is  
 5 “subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, [BOP employees] shall take  
 6 immediate action to protect the inmate.”<sup>4</sup>

7       29. Upon receiving a report of inmate sexual abuse, the facility is required  
 8 to report it to a designated internal investigator<sup>5</sup> and conduct an administrative or  
 9 criminal investigation.<sup>6</sup> A criminal investigation is required for all allegations of  
 10 inmate sexual abuse, “unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal  
 11 behavior.”<sup>7</sup> All such referrals must be documented.<sup>8</sup>

12       30. Given the high risk for retaliation against a reporter or victim, the BOP  
 13 is required to “protect all inmates and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual  
 14 harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations  
 15 from retaliation by other inmates or staff and shall designate which staff members  
 16 or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.”<sup>9</sup> A prison’s PREA  
 17 compliance manager must monitor an inmate sexual abuse victim for 90 days after  
 18 a report of abuse is filed to ensure that he or she is not retaliated against by prison  
 19 staff.<sup>10</sup>

20       31. The BOP must also provide ongoing access to mental healthcare to  
 21 all inmates who have been victimized by sexual abuse while detained in the  
 22 facility.<sup>11</sup>

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 25       <sup>3</sup> *Id.* § 115.61(b)

26       <sup>4</sup> *Id.* § 115.62

27       <sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 115.61(e)

28       <sup>6</sup> *Id.* § 115.22(a); *see also* *Id.* § 115.71

29       <sup>7</sup> *Id.* § 115.22(b)

30       <sup>8</sup> *Id.*

31       <sup>9</sup> *Id.* § 115.67(a).

32       <sup>10</sup> 28 C.F.R. § 115.67(c); BOP Program Statement No. 5324.11, at 44 (Jan. 6, 2014)

33       <sup>11</sup> *Id.* § 115.83(a), (b), (h).

1       32. The BOP is required to train every employee who may have contact  
 2 with inmates to comply with the above PREA regulations and must “document,  
 3 through employee signature or electronic verification, that employees  
 4 understand the training they have received.”<sup>12</sup> In addition to this general  
 5 training, specialized training is required for sexual abuse investigators.<sup>13</sup>

6       33. Where an investigation finds that a staff member has engaged in  
 7 sexual abuse, the presumptive disciplinary sanction is termination, and some  
 8 form of discipline is required.<sup>14</sup>

9       34. Finally, all documentation relating to an allegation of inmate sexual  
 10 abuse must be maintained<sup>15</sup> and securely retained for at least ten years after the  
 11 date of initial collection.<sup>16</sup>

12       35. Defendants repeatedly violated these PREA regulations.

13       **B. Defendant BELLHOUSE subjected Plaintiff to sexual abuse.**

14       36. In approximately 2020, Plaintiff was placed on lockdown at FCI  
 15 Dublin due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During that time, BELLHOUSE was  
 16 employed at FCI Dublin in the position of safety administrator. He worked in  
 17 the Recycling and Safety Program, supervising inmates. Through his  
 18 authoritative position over Plaintiff, unlawfully and in violation of her civil and  
 19 constitutional rights, BELLHOUSE sexually abused her.

20       37. During the lockdown, Plaintiff had just gotten back into her cell  
 21 from showering, and she had a towel wrapped around herself. BELLHOUSE  
 22 entered Plaintiff’s cell and attempted to remove her towel, exposing Plaintiff’s  
 23 naked body.

24       38. While Plaintiff was barely covered by the towel, BELLHOUSE  
 25 stuck his fingers inside of her vagina, which was unwelcomed, offensive, and

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27       <sup>12</sup> *Id.* § 115.31.

28       <sup>13</sup> *Id.* § 115.34.

28       <sup>14</sup> *Id.* § 115.76.

28       <sup>15</sup> *Id.* § 115.87(a), (d).

28       <sup>16</sup> *Id.* § 115.89(a), (d).

1 nonconsensual touching. Plaintiff was terrified, backed away, and told him to  
 2 stop.

3       39. After the assault, BELLHOUSE continued to sexually harass  
 4 Plaintiff, and brought her goods to bribe her.

5       40. BELLHOUSE's conduct is an example of some of the cruel and  
 6 unusual punishment that Plaintiff endured at FCI Dublin.

7       **C. Defendant WILSON routinely subjected Plaintiff to sexual abuse.**

8       41. In approximately June of 2022, Defendant WILSON began preying  
 9 upon Plaintiff. The harassment began when Plaintiff would go through the pill  
 10 line, and WILSON would touch her hand, ask her about her day, and pass her  
 11 notes. WILSON would go visit her in the commissary warehouse where she  
 12 worked. Eventually, WILSON began bringing Plaintiff into the medical room  
 13 where he worked.

14       42. At first, WILSON sat Plaintiff down to check her vitals, and he  
 15 kissed her on the neck. Plaintiff pushed him away, but WILSON aggressively  
 16 told her to not be scared. WILSON then forced Plaintiff to kiss him. Through his  
 17 authoritative position, WILSON grabbed Plaintiff's hand and put it on his penis.  
 18 Plaintiff was terrified, but WILSON threatened her. Next, WILSON pinned  
 19 Plaintiff against the wall, lifted up her shirt and bra, and pinched her nipples.  
 20 WILSON forced Plaintiff to put her hands inside his pants.

21       43. In approximately the next month, WILSON brought Plaintiff into  
 22 the medical room and shoved her down onto her knees. WILSON forced  
 23 Plaintiff to give him oral sex and warned her if she wanted to see her kids, she  
 24 "knew what to do."

25       44. WILSON pressured Plaintiff to take photos in lingerie. WILSON  
 26 then organized a plan that enabled him to sexually touch Plaintiff approximately  
 27 1-2 times a week and engage in oral sex with Plaintiff approximately five times.  
 28 Under the guise that he was "checking her vitals," WILSON brought Plaintiff

1 into the medical room where he was allowed to be alone with her in the room.  
 2 This happened at least three times a week. Plaintiff was terrified, and she  
 3 genuinely believed that she would never see her kids again if she did not comply  
 4 with WILSON's orders.

5       45. JOHN DOE threatened Plaintiff that if she ever told anyone about  
 6 the assaults that she would be blamed for "seducing him" and sent to the solitary  
 7 housing unit (SHU).

8       46. WILSON's conduct is an example of some of the cruel and unusual  
 9 punishment that Plaintiff endured at FCI Dublin.

10      **D. FCI Dublin is known for its culture of tolerating sexual  
 11 misconduct.**

12       47. Based on information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that  
 13 BELLHOUSE had a known pattern and behavior of sexually abusing female  
 14 inmates. For example, BELLHOUSE also digitally penetrated inmates M.S. and  
 15 N.P. without their consent.

16       48. Based on information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that WILSON  
 17 had a known pattern and behavior of sexually abusing female inmates. For  
 18 instance, WILSON picked up inmate M.S. and tried to kiss her, he forced  
 19 inmates L.A. and A.J. to show him their breasts.

20       49. Based on information and belief, throughout the last three decades,  
 21 the United States has repeatedly ignored incidents of sexual misconduct at FCI  
 22 Dublin. Currently, five employees have been indicted by the Department of  
 23 Justice for sexual misconduct, three have pled guilty, and nine other employees  
 24 are on administrative leave pending investigation – the most in U.S. history of  
 25 the Bureau of Prisons. The following examples are just a fraction of the  
 26 magnitude of sexual misconduct and violence that transpired at FCI Dublin:

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- In 1996, BOP officers took three female inmates from FCI Dublin to a male unit, opened their cell doors, and allowed male inmates to rape them.
- In the late 1990's and early 2000's, four male BOP employees were either convicted or pled guilty to sexually abusing female inmates at FCI Dublin.
- According to the U.S. Senate Report,<sup>17</sup> in the early 2010s, approximately a dozen Dublin employees were removed for their sexual abuse of inmates, "including one who videotaped himself having sex with inmates and stored those tapes in a prison locker. None were arrested."
- In 2019, an FCI inmate, Victoria Peterson, filed a suit against Officer William Martinez for abusing his power and using excessive force to have sex with her. She also sued the warden at the time, Wiley Jenkins, for failing to take disciplinary action against Martinez and allowing him to continue working at FCI Dublin.
- In 2019, inmate L.I. filed a claim against former FCI Dublin chaplain James Highhouse for sexual assault. Highhouse started having unwanted physical contact with L.I. in May of 2018, and although he was ultimately charged with abuse of L.I., prosecutors said he engaged in predatory conduct with at least six women from 2014 to 2019. Highhouse pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in prison.
- Between approximately June of 2020 and September of 2020, inmate A.R. witnessed Klinger's sexual relationship with another

<sup>17</sup> JON OSSOFF & RON JOHNSON, S. REP., SEXUAL ABUSE OF FEMALE INMATES IN FEDERAL PRISONS (2022) (released in conjunction with the permanent subcomm. on investigations December 13, 2022 hearing).

1 inmate. She witnessed Klinger take women into a hidden areas to  
 2 have sex with him. Klinger and CO Jaime Perez spoke with  
 3 sexually explicit language toward A.R. CO Perez would bump up  
 4 against her and grab her breasts. Officer Perez also took photos of  
 5 A.R.

- 6 • Between approximately August 2020 and November 2020, inmate  
 7 D.V. was pressured into an ongoing sexual relationship with FCI  
 8 Dublin Correctional Officer Enrique Chavez. CO Chavez kissed  
 9 her, touched her bare breasts and vagina, and had D.V. touch his  
 10 penis. CO Chavez was known to bring inmates into the kitchen  
 11 closet for “meetings.”
- 12 • In 2021, CO Chavez sexually harassed another inmate, J.C., while was  
 13 working in the kitchen. CO Chavez would brush his erect penis up  
 14 against J.C. and said “look, it’s hard for you.” CO Chavez was charged  
 15 with abusive sexual contact of a prisoner in violation of 18 U.S.C. §  
 16 2244(a)(4). He pled guilty to the conduct and was sentenced to 20  
 17 months in prison.
- 18 • Another inmate, A.J., suffered sexual abuse at FCI Dublin  
 19 between approximately September 2021 and May of 2022.  
 20 When A.J. arrived, Paramedic Fraser Cohen grabbed her  
 21 breasts with no chaperone. Later throughout her incarceration,  
 22 CO Nicholas Ramos consistently watched her in the shower,  
 23 and both CO Ramos and CO Phillips made her strip, cough,  
 24 and squat for cavity searches.
- 25 • CO Darrell Smith also known as “Dirty Dick Smith” watched  
 26 another inmate J.A. in the shower. He would also stand outside  
 27 her cell window and watch her. He was notoriously perverted.  
 28 He would stare at her buttocks and say “mmm mmm mmm.”

1           She was also sexually assaulted by CO Isaac Venegas when he  
2           rubbed his penis up against her back and buttocks.

3           • J.A. was also sexually assaulted by CO Venegas when he  
4           rubbed his penis up against her back and buttocks.

5           • From April through October 2020, Klinger manipulated inmate  
6           M.R. into performing oral sex and engaging in forced sexual  
7           intercourse.

8           • Saucedo watched inmates A.J. in the shower on multiple occasions.  
9           Saucedo ripped open the shower curtain while inmate L.C. was  
10           showering, causing her to fall over so he could see her naked body.  
11           Saucedo also sexually harassed L.C. by making sexual noises at her  
12           and squirting shampoo on her clothing, mimicking ejaculation.  
13           Additionally, inmate L.A. was sexually harassed by Saucedo when  
14           he forced her to bend over in front of him.

15           • Another inmate went to TDY (temporary duty) medical employee  
16           Jay Alexander (exact name unknown) for medical treatment on her  
17           back, and he pulled her underwear down and touched her buttocks  
18           and in between her inner thighs.

19           • Inmate G.M. was preyed upon by Disciplinary Hearing Officer  
20           (DHO) David Perez for over three years. David Perez would “make  
21           out” with G.M., touch her breasts, caress her, and make her believe  
22           he was her boyfriend. When G.M. was on probation, David Perez  
23           met up with her and had her touch his genitals.

24           • Another kitchen foreman, O’Connor (full name unknown) touched  
25           inmate N.P.’s buttocks and brushed his hand over her chest.

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1                   • CO Jones would tell inmate J.C. to “suck his dick” and he would  
 2                   tell her to “Get on your knees.” CO Jones would grab his genitalia  
 3                   and tell her to “look.”

4               50. Upon information and belief, at least 22 FCI Dublin employees,  
 5 including those who courageously reported and/or acted to prevent instances of  
 6 sexual violence, have been reassigned to other prisons. This reassignment got  
 7 the attention of Congresswoman Jackie Speier, who wrote a letter to the new  
 8 Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Colette Peters, requesting information  
 9 about FCI Dublin’s “culture of rampant sexual misconduct and subsequent  
 10 cover-ups.”<sup>18</sup>

11               51. In December 2022, the United States Senate reported on the  
 12 Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations findings from its investigation into  
 13 sexual abuse of female prisoners in custody of the BOP. The report found that in  
 14 at least four BOP facilities (FCI Dublin being one of them), multiple women  
 15 endured ongoing sexual abuse for months or years. The report’s conclusion  
 16 stated, “BOP failed to detect or prevent sexual abuse of incarcerated women by  
 17 male BOP employees. The agency’s poor implementation of the audit program  
 18 and reporting mechanisms required by PREA allowed serious, repeated sexual  
 19 abuse in at least four facilities to go undetected. BOP’s internal affairs practices  
 20 have failed to hold employees accountable, and multiple admitted sexual abusers  
 21 were not criminally prosecuted as a result. Further, for a decade, BOP failed to  
 22 respond to this abuse or implement agency-wide reforms. Moving forward, BOP  
 23 should consider the Subcommittee’s findings as it works to implement changes  
 24 to how it handles sexual abuse of female prisoners by male BOP employees.”<sup>19</sup>

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27               <sup>18</sup> Fox2KTU Reporter Lisa Fernandez: <https://www.ktvu.com/news/dublin-prison-guard-says-she-was-forced-out-for-reporting-abuse>

28               <sup>19</sup> JON OSSOF & RON JOHNSON, S.REP., SEXUAL ABUSE OF FEMALE INMATES IN FEDERAL PRISONS (2022) (released in conjunction with the Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations December 13, 2022 hearing).

1       52. Defendant BELLHOUSE currently faces a six-count Grand Jury  
 2 indictment for sexually abusing female inmates. His jury trial is set for June 5,  
 3 2023.

4       53. Defendant GARCIA was found guilty of three counts of having  
 5 sexual contact with an incarcerated person, four counts of abusive sexual contact  
 6 and one count of lying to the FBI. GARCIA was sentenced to 5 years and 10  
 7 months in prison. Former CO Ross Klinger pled guilty to federal criminal  
 8 charges for Sexual Abuse of a Ward (18 U.S.C. § 2243(b)) stemming out of his  
 9 conduct against two other inmates and he is awaiting sentencing. Additionally,  
 10 in March of 2022, Defendant SAUCEDO and CO Nicholas Ramos were placed  
 11 on leave as a result of sexual misconduct allegations. CO Ramos committed  
 12 suicide on August 21, 2022. On April 23, 2023, a grand jury indicted CO Darrell  
 13 Smith with 12 counts of sexual abuse of a ward, aggravated sexual abuse, and  
 14 abusive sexual contact. Upon information and belief, CO Smith had sex with at  
 15 least two inmates, and touched at least three inmates' buttocks and breasts. At  
 16 least four other inmates were targeted and terrorized by CO Smith when he  
 17 watched them undress.

18       54. Defendant United States failed to provide the sexual abuse victims  
 19 with counseling services or victim advocates. The victims were retaliated  
 20 against with interviews and examinations after filing their Federal Tort Claims.  
 21 As a result of reporting the misconduct, the victims were put in the Solitary  
 22 Housing Unit (SHU), received daily room tosses, and were placed on lock  
 23 downs. The victims also had their phone calls and visitations taken away, their  
 24 legal mail was read, and their legal phone calls were monitored.

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## **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

## CLAIM ONE

## **EIGHTH AMENDMENT, CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT – SEXUAL ABUSE**

**(Against BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARICA, and DOES 1-25, inclusive, in  
their individual capacities)**

55. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

9       56. Plaintiff brings this claim under the Cruel and Unusual Punishment  
10 Clause of the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution against  
11 BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA, and DOES 1-25, inclusive, in their  
12 individual capacities.

13       57. At all material times, BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA, and  
14      DOES 1-25, inclusive, were federal employees of the BOP at FCI Dublin, acting  
15      under the color of federal authority with respect to the allegations in this  
16      complaint.

17 58. BELHOUSE and WILSON violated Plaintiff's right to be free from  
18 cruel and unusual punishment by repeatedly sexually abusing her while she was  
19 incarcerated as a minimum-security inmate at FCI Dublin.

20 59. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of Plaintiff occurred  
21 under coercive circumstances.

22 60. By intentionally subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts, BELLHOUSE  
23 and WILSON acted maliciously, in a manner that is deeply offensive to human  
24 dignity and void of any penological justification.

25       61. The inhumane conditions of confinement caused by BELLHOUSE  
26 and WILSON's repeated sexual abuse caused Plaintiff severe physical, mental,  
27 and emotional harm.

1       62. GARCIA was the warden during the majority of the period that  
2 Plaintiff was being abused by BELLHOUSE and WILSON. As the warden,  
3 GARCIA was responsible for safekeeping, care, protection, discipline,  
4 programming, and release of inmates incarcerated at FCI Dublin. GARCIA was  
5 also responsible for hiring, training, and supervising/managing staff, and  
6 determining operating procedures and policies.

7       63. GARCIA was also sexually abusing wards at FCI Dublin, and in  
8 his capacity as warden, thus ratified BELLHOUSE and WILSON's behavior.  
9 GARCIA led PREA training and chaired the audit of FCI Dublin under the  
10 PREA. Thus, the man responsible for teaching inmates how to report rape was  
11 in fact a serial rapist of inmates.

12 64. GARCIA accepted guilt for his sexual abuse of other inmates, and  
13 GARCIA knew or should have known that BELLHOUSE and WILSON were  
14 sexually abusing Plaintiff.

15       65. BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA, and DOES 1-25, inclusive,  
16 acted with malice and oppression, and his conduct constitutes a reckless or  
17 callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights, entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages.

18       66. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: (a) nominal  
19 damages resulting from the repeated violations of her personal dignity and from  
20 physical injury; (b) non-economic damages consisting of past physical injury,  
21 past and future mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress,  
22 and for offenses to her personal dignity; and (c) punitive damages.

## CLAIM TWO

## **GENDER VIOLENCE (Cal. Civ. Code § 52.4)**

**(Against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual capacities)**

67. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation  
27 contained in

1       68. the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

2       69. Plaintiff brings this claim for gender violence under California  
3 Civil Code § 52.4 against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual  
4 capacities.

5       70. Under California statute, any person subjected to gender violence  
6 may bring a civil action for damages against the responsible party. Gender  
7 violence is a form of sex discrimination that includes a physical intrusion or  
8 invasion of a sexual nature under coercive conditions.

9       71. BELLHOUSE and WILSON discriminated against Plaintiff based  
10 on her female gender when they repeatedly sexually abused her, by physically  
11 subjecting her to sexual acts, under the coercive conditions that were present  
12 between them.

13       72. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's actions occurred outside the course  
14 and scope of their employment. Their actions and judgments in sexually abusing  
15 Plaintiff were so far below the acceptable standard of custodial conduct, as  
16 exemplified by PREA regulations and BOP policy prohibiting sexual abuse, that  
17 they could not have been making a policy judgment in his decision to sexually  
18 abuse Plaintiff.

19       73. By repeatedly subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts, BELLHOUSE and  
20 WILSON caused her to suffer physical, mental, and emotional injuries, as well  
21 as injuries to her personal dignity.

22       74. BELLHOUSE and WILSON acted with malice and oppression and  
23 his conduct constitutes a reckless or callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights,  
24 entitling her to punitive damages.

25       75. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: (a) nominal  
26 damages resulting from the repeated violations of her personal dignity and from  
27 physical injury; (b) non-economic damages consisting of past physical injury,

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1 past and future mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress,  
2 and for offenses to her personal dignity; and (c) punitive damages.

3       76. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees and costs, as expressly  
4 authorized by statute.

### **CLAIM THREE**

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT (Cal. Civ. Code § 1708.5)**

**(Against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual capacities)**

8       77. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation  
9 contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

10       78. Plaintiff brings this claim for sexual assault under California Civil  
11 Code § 1708.5 against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual  
12 capacities.

13 79. BELLHOUSE and WILSON violated Plaintiff's statutory right to  
14 be free from sexual assault by repeatedly sexually abusing her while she was  
15 incarcerated as a minimum-security inmate at FCI Dublin.

16 80. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of Plaintiff occurred  
17 under coercive circumstances.

18        81. For these reasons, BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of  
19 Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of their employer, was deeply offensive to her  
20 personal dignity, would offend a person of ordinary sensitivity, and was  
21 unwarranted by the social usages in prison when the contact was made.

22        82. Given the deeply offensive nature of these sexual acts and lack of  
23 any possible penological justification for these sexual acts, BELLHOUSE and  
24 WILSON must have subjected Plaintiff to these sexual acts with the intent to  
25 cause a harmful or offensive contact with Plaintiff's person.

26 83. By intentionally subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts, BELLHOUSE  
27 and WILSON acted maliciously, in a manner that is deeply offensive to human  
28 dignity and void of any penological justification.

1       84. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's actions occurred outside the course  
2 and scope of their employment. Their actions and judgment in sexually abusing  
3 Plaintiff were so far below the acceptable standard of custodial conduct, as  
4 exemplified by PREA regulations and BOP policy prohibiting sexual abuse, that  
5 they could not have been making a policy judgment in their decision to sexually  
6 abuse Plaintiff.

7       85. By repeatedly subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts, BELLHOUSE and  
8 WILSON caused her to suffer physical, mental, and emotional injuries, as well  
9 as injuries to her personal dignity.

10        86. BELLHOUSE and WILSON acted with malice and oppression, and  
11 his conduct constitutes a reckless or callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights,  
12 entitling her to punitive damages.

13       87. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: (a) nominal  
14 damages resulting from the repeated violations of her personal dignity and from  
15 physical injury; (b) non-economic damages consisting of past physical injury,  
16 past and future mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress,  
17 and for offenses to her personal dignity; and (c) punitive damages.

## CLAIM FOUR

## **INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

(California common law)

(Against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual capacities)

23       88. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation  
24 contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

25       89. Plaintiff brings this claim for intentional infliction of emotional  
26 distress under California common law against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in  
27 their individual capacities.

1       90. BELLHOUSE and WILSON engaged in outrageous conduct by  
 2 repeatedly subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts while she was incarcerated as an  
 3 inmate in his employer's custody. BELLHOUSE and WILSON abused their  
 4 authority over Plaintiff and their power to affect her interests in a manner that  
 5 was beyond all bounds of decency and must be regarded as atrocious and utterly  
 6 intolerable in a civilized society.

7       91. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse caused Plaintiff to  
 8 suffer, and continue to suffer, severe emotional distress, including fear,  
 9 depression, and anxiety. This distress was so substantial and enduring that no  
 10 reasonable person in a civilized society should be expected to endure it.

11       92. BELLHOUSE and WILSON intended to cause Plaintiff this  
 12 emotional distress because he knew that emotional distress was certain to result  
 13 from their sexual abuse of an inmate.

14       93. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's actions occurred outside the course  
 15 and scope of their employment. Their actions and judgments in sexually abusing  
 16 Plaintiff were so far below the acceptable standard of custodial conduct, as  
 17 exemplified by PREA regulations and BOP policy prohibiting sexual abuse, that  
 18 they could not have been making a policy judgment in their decision to sexually  
 19 abuse Plaintiff.

20       94. BELLHOUSE and WILSON acted with malice and oppression,  
 21 entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages.

22       95. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: (a) nominal  
 23 damages resulting from the repeated violations of her personal dignity and from  
 24 physical injury; (b) non-economic damages consisting of past physical injury,  
 25 past and future mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress,  
 26 and for offenses to her personal dignity; and (c) punitive damages.

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## **CLAIM FIVE**

## NEGLIGENT INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

**(California common law)**

**(Against BELHOUSE and WILSON in their individual capacities)**

96. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

97. Plaintiff brings this claim for negligent infliction of emotional distress under California common law against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual capacities.

10        98. BELLHOUSE and WILSON had a special and heightened duty of  
11 care to Plaintiff as her jailer that required them to protect her against reasonably  
12 foreseeable emotional harm, including from sexual abuse. PREA regulations and  
13 BOP policy prohibiting sexual abuse confirm this special and heightened duty.

14        99. Alternatively, BELLHOUSE and WILSON had a general duty of  
15 care with respect to Plaintiff.

16 100. BELLHOUSE and WILSON engaged in negligent conduct and in a  
17 willful violation of statutory standards. On multiple occasions, BELLHOUSE  
18 and WILSON breached their duty of care and the PREA regulations by  
19 purposefully and willingly subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts. BELLHOUSE and  
20 WILSON's breach of their duty of care and willful violations of statutory  
21 standards were directed at Plaintiff.

22 101. By repeatedly subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts, BELLHOUSE and  
23 WILSON proximately caused her to suffer, and to continue to suffer, serious and  
24 severe emotional distress.

25 Plaintiff's emotional reactions are not an abnormal response to her  
26 sexual abuse. A reasonable person would be unable to cope with the mental  
27 distress caused by being sexually abused by a BOP employee who had a duty to

1 protect her from such abuse. No reasonable person in a civilized society should  
2 be expected to endure that kind of mental distress.

3       103. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's actions occurred outside the course  
4 and scope of their employment. Their actions and judgments in sexually abusing  
5 Plaintiff were so far below the acceptable standard of custodial conduct, as  
6 exemplified by PREA regulations and BOP policy prohibiting sexual abuse, that  
7 they could not have been making a policy judgment in their decision to sexually  
8 touch Plaintiff.

9       104. BELLHOUSE and WILSON acted with malice and oppression, and  
10 their conduct constitutes a reckless or callous disregard of Plaintiff rights,  
11 entitling her to punitive damages.

12        105. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: (a) nominal  
13 damages resulting from the repeated violations of her personal dignity and from  
14 physical injury; (b) non-economic damages consisting of past physical injury,  
15 past and future mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress,  
16 and for offenses to her personal dignity; and (c) punitive damages.

## CLAIM SIX

## **BATTERY (California common law)**

**(Against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual capacities)**

20       106. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation  
21 contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

22 107. Plaintiff brings this claim for battery under California common law  
23 against BELLHOUSE and WILSON in their individual capacities.

24 108. BELLHOUSE and WILSON committed battery against Plaintiff  
25 by repeatedly sexually abusing her while she was incarcerated as a minimum-  
26 security inmate at FCI Dublin.

27 109. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of Plaintiff occurred  
28 under coercive circumstances.

1       110. For these reasons BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of  
 2 Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of their employer, was deeply offensive to her  
 3 personal dignity, would offend a person of ordinary sensitivity, and was  
 4 unwarranted by the social usages in prison when the contact was made.

5       111. Given the deeply offensive nature of these sexual acts and lack of  
 6 any possible penological justification for these sexual acts BELLHOUSE and  
 7 WILSON must have subjected Plaintiff to these sexual acts with the intent to  
 8 cause a harmful or offensive contact with Plaintiff's person.

9       112. By intentionally subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts BELLHOUSE  
 10 and WILSON acted maliciously in a manner that is deeply offensive to human  
 11 dignity and void of any penological justification.

12       113. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's actions occurred outside the course  
 13 and scope of their employment. Their actions and judgments in sexually abusing  
 14 Plaintiff were so far below the acceptable standard of custodial conduct, as  
 15 exemplified by PREA regulations and BOP policy prohibiting sexual abuse, that  
 16 he could not have been making a policy judgment in their decision to sexually  
 17 abuse Plaintiff.

18       114. By repeatedly subjecting Plaintiff to sexual acts, BELLHOUSE and  
 19 WILSON caused her to suffer physical, mental, and emotional injuries, as well  
 20 as injuries to her personal dignity.

21       115. BELLHOUSE and WILSON acted with malice and oppression, and  
 22 his conduct constitutes a reckless or callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights,  
 23 entitling her to punitive damages.

24       116. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: (a) nominal  
 25 damages resulting from the repeated violations of her personal dignity and from  
 26 physical injury; (b) non-economic damages consisting of past physical injury,  
 27 past and future mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress,  
 28 and for offenses to her personal dignity; and (c) punitive damages.

## CLAIM SEVEN

**EIGHTH AMENDMENT, DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE – FAILURE  
TO PROTECT  
(Against GARCIA, WILSON, and DOES 1-25, inclusive, in their individual  
capacities)**

117. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

9       118. Plaintiff brings this claim against GARCIA and DOES 1-25,  
10 inclusive, in their individual capacities under the Cruel and Unusual Punishment  
11 Clause of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

12        119. At all material times, GARCIA and DOES 1-25, inclusive, were  
13 federal employees, acting under the color of federal authority with respect to the  
14 allegations set forth above.

15       120. GARCIA and DOES 1-25, inclusive, deprived Plaintiff of her right  
16 to be free from cruel and unusual punishment by failing to protect her from a  
17 substantial risk of serious harm from sexual abuse by BELLHOUSE and  
18 WILSON, by acting in conscious disregard of that known risk.

19 121. GARCIA, as the warden, ratified BELLHOUSE and WILSON's  
20 conduct by engaging in the same or similar acts as BELLHOUSE and WILSON  
21 with other inmates at FCI Dublin. Therefore, GARCIA purposefully denied  
22 Plaintiff protection from the known and substantial risk of serious harm of  
23 BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse.

24 122. Based on his position and behavior in the prison, GARCIA knew or  
25 should have known that WILSON and SMITH were abusing Plaintiff.

26 123. GARCIA and DOES 1-25, inclusive, failed to take immediate  
27 action to protect Plaintiff, including by separating her from BELLHOUSE and  
28 WILSON, in violation of 28 C.F.R. § 115.62.

1       124. GARCIA and DOES 1-25, inclusive, did not take reasonable,  
 2 available measures to abate the risk of sexual abuse to Plaintiff, and to guarantee  
 3 her safety, even though a reasonable officer in the circumstances would have  
 4 appreciated the obviously high degree of risk involved.

5       125. GARCIA and DOES 1-25, inclusive, therefore acted with  
 6 deliberate indifference to substantial risk of sexual abuse in violation of the  
 7 Eighth Amendment, subjected Plaintiff to dangerous and debasing conditions of  
 8 confinement, including sexual abuse, and violated her fundamental rights to safe  
 9 and humane confinement. This cruel and unusual punishment caused Plaintiff  
 10 physical, mental, emotional, and constitutional injuries.

11       126. GARCIA and DOES 1-25's, inclusive, deliberate indifference was  
 12 malicious, oppressive, reckless, and callous, entitling Plaintiff to punitive  
 13 damages.

14       127. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: (a) nominal  
 15 damages resulting from the repeated violations of her personal dignity and from  
 16 physical injury; (b) non-economic damages consisting of past physical injury,  
 17 past and future mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress,  
 18 and for offenses to her personal dignity; and (c) punitive damages.

19       **FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT ADMINISTRATIVE EXHAUSTION**

20       128. Claims EIGHT and NINE, below, are asserted against the United  
 21 States.

22       129. Plaintiff has exhausted these claims against the United States under  
 23 the FTCA.

24       130. Plaintiff submitted a "Claim for Damage Injury, or Death" to the  
 25 BOP for "permanent injuries, mental anguish, embarrassment, humiliation, pain,  
 26 distress, and damages" as a PREA victim involving staff at FCI Dublin in the  
 27 sum of \$5,000,000.00.

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131. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's FTCA claim is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

132. The BOP received her administrative claim on November 16, 2022.

133. A true and correct copy of the BOP's acknowledgment is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

134. By May 16, 2023, six months after the BOP received Plaintiff's

administrative claim, the BOP has neither accepted nor rejected the claims.

8 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2675(a), Plaintiff elects to consider this failure to act as  
9 a final denial of her claim.

## **CLAIM EIGHT**

## **NEGLIGENCE (FTCA, California common law)**

## **(Against the United States)**

13       135. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation  
14 contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

136. Plaintiff brings this claim against the United States under the FTCA  
137 based on the actions and/or omissions of BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA,  
138 and DOES 1-25, inclusive, taken while working at FCI Dublin in their capacities  
139 as employees of the BOP and acting within the scope of their employment, with  
140 the permission and consent of the United States.

137. At all material times, Plaintiff was an inmate in the custody of the  
BOP, a federal agency of the United States in possession and control of FCI  
Dublin.

23           138. **Duty.** BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA, and DOES 1-25,  
24 inclusive, had a custodial duty, as well as a mandatory statutory obligation under  
25 PREA regulations and BOP policy, to protect inmates incarcerated by the United  
26 States from foreseeable harm, including, but not limited to, harm from sexual  
27 abuse.

1       139. The BOP's Personal Conduct rules for staff disallow any sexual  
 2 activity with an inmate, and state that an employee may not allow another  
 3 person to engage in such behavior. It explicitly states that there is no such thing  
 4 as consensual sex between staff and inmates.

5       140. Alternatively, BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA, and DOES 1-  
 6 25, inclusive, had a general duty of care to Plaintiff.

7       141. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of Plaintiff was  
 8 reasonably foreseeable to the United States because BELLHOUSE and  
 9 WILSON's conduct made it obvious they were sexually abusing Plaintiff.

10       142. **Breach of duty—ineadquate supervision.** The United States  
 11 failed to supervise and operate FCI Dublin in a manner that would have  
 12 prevented BELLHOUSE and WILSON's ongoing sexual abuse of Plaintiff.

13       143. The United States did not take reasonable, available measures to  
 14 abate the risk of sexual abuse to Plaintiff, and to guarantee her safety, even  
 15 though a reasonable administrator would have complied with PREA regulations  
 16 regarding proper prison operations, including adequately monitoring work  
 17 programming and correctional officer assignments.

18       144. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of Plaintiff occurred as  
 19 the direct and proximate result of the supervisory negligence of the United  
 20 States.

21       145. **Injuries and relief sought.** Plaintiff suffered a physical violation, a  
 22 violation of her liberty interest in being free from sexual abuse, injury from  
 23 being denied freedom of movement and programming, and severe mental and  
 24 emotional anxiety and distress, and will continue to suffer severe mental and  
 25 emotional anxiety and distress in the future.

26       146. Plaintiff seeks the following relief for her injuries: non-economic  
 27 damages consisting of past physical injury, past and future mental pain and  
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1 suffering, mental anguish, emotional distress, and for offenses to her personal  
 2 dignity.

3 **CLAIM NINE**

4 **NEGLIGENT INFILCTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

5 **(FTCA, California law)**

6 **(Against the United States)**

7 147. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference every allegation  
 8 contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

9 148. Plaintiff brings this claim against the United States under the FTCA  
 10 based on the actions and/or omissions of BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA,  
 11 and DOES 1-25, inclusive, which were taken while working at FCI Dublin in his  
 12 capacity as an employee of the BOP and acting within the scope of his  
 13 employment, with United States' permission and consent.

14 149. At all material times, Plaintiff was an inmate in the custody of the  
 15 BOP, a federal agency of the United States in possession and control of FCI  
 16 Dublin.

17 150. **Duty.** BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA, and DOES 1-25,  
 18 inclusive, had a custodial duty, as well as a mandatory statutory obligation under  
 19 PREA regulations and BOP policy, to protect inmates incarcerated by the United  
 20 States from foreseeable harm, including, but not limited to, harm from sexual  
 21 abuse.

22 151. **Breach of duty—ineadquate supervision.** The United States  
 23 failed to supervise and operate FCI Dublin in a manner that would have  
 24 prevented BELLHOUSE and WILSON's ongoing sexual abuse of Plaintiff.

25 152. The United States did not take reasonable, available measures to  
 26 abate the risk of sexual abuse to Plaintiff, and to guarantee her safety, even  
 27 though a reasonable administrator would have complied with PREA regulations

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1 regarding proper prison operations, including adequately monitoring work  
2 programming and correctional officer assignments.

3 153. BELLHOUSE and WILSON's sexual abuse of Plaintiff occurred as  
4 the direct and proximate result of the supervisory negligence of the United  
5 States.

6       **154. Injuries and relief sought.** BELLHOUSE, WILSON, GARCIA,  
7 and DOES 1-25, inclusive, actions and omissions caused Plaintiff to suffer, and  
8 continue to suffer, serious and severe emotional distress, including fear,  
9 depression, and anxiety, because of being repeatedly sexually abused.

10       155. Plaintiff's emotional reaction was not an abnormal response to her  
11 sexual abuse. A reasonable person would be unable to cope with the emotional  
12 distress caused by being sexually abused by a correctional officer, who had a  
13 duty to protect her from such abuse. Plaintiff's distress was of such a substantial  
14 and enduring quality that no reasonable person in a civilized society should be  
15 expected to endure it.

16        156. By reason of the United States' negligent infliction of emotional  
17 distress Plaintiff has suffered severe emotional distress, and will continue to  
18 suffer severe mental and emotional anxiety and distress.

19       157. Plaintiff seeks nominal and compensatory damages for these  
20 violations.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

22 Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all claims so triable.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

24 | **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays that this Court grant the following relief:

25 1. Nominal damages in an amount to be determined at trial;  
26 2. Compensatory damages for injuries caused by a violation of her  
27 constitutional rights and personal dignity, physical injury, pain,  
28 discomfort, fears, anxiety, and other mental and emotional distress

suffered by Plaintiff and for similar suffering reasonably certain to be experienced in the future, in an amount to be determined at trial; Punitive damages for malice, oppression, and reckless and callous disregard of Plaintiff's rights; An award to Plaintiff of reasonable costs; and An award to Plaintiff of reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2678 and Cal. Civ. Code § 52.4; and Such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: May 30, 2023

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